

Amendment to the Specification

Please **add** this paragraph at page 1, after the title:

This application claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119 of EPO Application No. 03290696.8 filed on March 19, 2003.

Please **replace** the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 19 of the specification with:

The term slate is used in the following specification interchangeably as a synonym of a the term token where appropriate for better understanding.

Please **replace** the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 28 of the specification with:

The ~~invention~~ disclosed invention ~~hereinafter therefore~~ provides a method for automatically screening video sequences, detecting the occurrence of tokens, extracting the information to editing tools, or other means for post-processing, according to an embodiment of the present invention. ~~the independent claim 1. Preferred embodiments are disclosed in the dependent subclaims.~~

Please **replace** the paragraph beginning at page 17, line 9 of the specification with:

Fig. 1 shows a basic flowchart of the overall process of principles of the present invention,

Fig. 2 shows a flowchart of an exemplary method of boundary detection in accordance with the principles of the invention ~~an exemplary implementation of the boundary detection~~,

Fig. 3a shows a candidate image for slate detection with several candidate regions marked, and

Fig. 3b shows an enlarged view of a region of Fig. 3a. detail of Fig. 3a.